

**TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM  
RAIL TRAIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 11, 2006  
STEVENS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The meeting of the Ashburnham Rail Trail Committee was held at Stevens Memorial Library on December 11, 2006.

Sworn-in members in attendance: Sallie Thoma, Sherisa Sterling, Bernie Hines and Irene Gelinas. Others in attendance: Art Pinsoneault, Paula Gorrell. Ex-Officio member in attendance: Eric Smith, Town Planner. Gary Howland, ConCom and Claire attended.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

A discussion was held reference to Rail Trail Surface Materials. A memo was provided to assist the Town with the assistance of the Committee to weigh the pros and cons of each material option to determine what is an appropriate surface material for the community over the long term.

Jen Shemowat wrote that three engineers from Mass Highway would not support design at this time. A bridge would be too costly and we need to go around that area.

Eric gave us a draft of a "Project Need Form" for our review. Once finalized, it will be mailed to MassHighway District 3 and the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission.

Comments were made that the Community Preservation Act Funds may be a source of funds. "Recycled tires" are being used and Boston is trying out rubber sidewalks. There is a trail in Rindge, NH that we might check out when the weather gets better.

Brian Moorhead has resigned from the Committee.

Eric announced that the Town will have a new engineer.

November minutes were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Our next meeting is January 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stevens Memorial Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene G. Gelinas

cc: Town Clerk's Office